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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SUCCESSOR TO CANADA ON ICCS

REF: A. STATE 153252; B. STATE 160293; C. STATE 149695

FOR TEHRAN:

1. NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE NOW INFORMED US THAT IRAN IS ACCEPTABLE AS A REPLACEMENT FOR CANADA IN THE ICCS. NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE PROPOSED AND WE HAVE AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING MODALITIES:

(A) EACH OF THE FOUR PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT WILL SEPARATELY SEND A NOTE TO IRAN INVITING THEM TO BECOME A MEMBER.

(B) IN ADDITION, EACH OF THE FOUR PARTIES WILL OFFICIALLY INFORM THE MEMBERS OF THE ICCS AND THE OTHER PARTIES

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TO THE ACT OF PARIS OF THE INVITATION TO IRAN TO BECOME A

MEMBER OF THE ICCS.

2. YOU SHOULD PROCEED TO DELIVER NOTE TO GOI (PARA 4, REF A) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH GVN EMBASSY HERE AND HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THEY DELIVER SIMILAR NOTE TO IRANIAN AMBASSADOR AUGUST 15.

3. NOTWITHSTANDING PREMATURE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE HERE

(SEPTEL), WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT GOI MAY STILL WISH TO MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITS FORMAL ACCEPTANCE IN TEHRAN. IN THIS EVENT THE PROPOSED PRESS SCENARIO (REF B) MIGHT BE FOLLOWED AND YOU SHOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT AND SAIGON OF TIMING OF ANY GOI ANNOUNCEMENT.

4. YOU SHOULD ALSO URGE GOI TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH GOC IN ORDER TO ARRANGE FOR APPROPRIATE CANADIAN ASSISTANCE IN ASSUMING ICCS FUNCTIONS (REF C). AS SOON AS IS KNOWN, REQUEST YOU INFORM US OF ANTICIPATED DATE OF ADVANCE PARTY'S ARRIVAL IN SAIGON AND ARRIVAL SCHEDULE FOR ENTIRE CONTINGENT.

5. FOR OTTAWA: REQUEST YOU PASS SUBSTANCE THIS MESSAGE TO GOC AND KEEP US INFORMED OF GOC PLANS TO ASSIST IRANIANS.

6. FOR SAIGON: PLEASE INFORM GVN, IN PARTICULAR POINTING OUT NEED FOR GVN TO INFORM ICCS MEMBERS AND OTHER PARTIES TO ACT OF PARIS CONCERNING INVITATION TO IRAN (PARA 1B ABOVE). WE ARE MAKING OUR OWN NOTIFICATION TO THESE PARTIES BY SEPTEL. ROGERS

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